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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO APOLLO-SOYUZ MESSAGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING REPLY ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT
FORD TO PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION
ON APOLLO-SOYUZ MISSION:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR
MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES AS WE CELEBRATE THE SUCCESSFUL CON-
CLUSION OF THE APOLLO-SOYUZ MISSION.

I HAVE BEEN HEARTENED BY THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF THIS FIRST
INTERNATIONAL MANNED SPACE VENTURE AND HAVE GREAT HOPES FOR
FUTURE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SPACE.

THE APOLLO-SOYUZ MISSION DEMONSTRATES THAT, BY COMBINING
THEIR SKILLS AND INTELLECT, NATIONS OF THE WORLD HAVE
ENORMOUS POTENTIAL FOR SOLVING COMMON PROBLEMS AND ATTAIN-
ING COMMON GOALS ON EARTH AS WELL AS IN SPACE. SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD. END QUOTE.

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2. FYI FOLLOWING IS THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE:

QUOTE: ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF
PAKISTAN AND ON MY OWN BEHALF, PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARMEST
CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SUCCESSFUL DOCKING OPERATION THAT

HAS JUST BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN SPACE BETWEEN THE APOLLO AND
SOYUZ CAPSULES.

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF EXTENDING MY SPECIAL FELICITA-
TIONS TO THE AMERICAN AND SOVIET ASTRONAUTS, SCIENTISTS
AND TECHNICIANS WHO HAVE MADE THIS REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT
POSSIBLE. END QUOTE.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE MESSAGES BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION IF GOP WISHES TO DO SO. INGERSOLL

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